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Navy Consulting Body to Consider Site for New Labora-

OFFICERS FAVOR THIS CITY

Several Members of Genera Board Known to Approve Choice of Washington.

The Navy civillan consulting board, headed by Thomas A. Edison, will meet at the Navy Department temorrow to consider a site for the \$1,500,000 experi-mental laboratory, for which Washington is a candidate

Secretary Daniels officially stated to-day that Washington has not been eliminated from consideration as a site for

The action of Secretary Daniels, at the suggestion of Mr. Edison, in hav-ing Congress strike out from the bill the paragraph designating Washington as the site, gave rise to fears that the Capital would not be considered.
"I should have asked Congress to strike out of the bill the name of any particular city." Secretary Daniels said teday. "The matter is still open, and Washington will be considered with other suggested sites."
It developed today that several members of the general board of the Navy are strongly in favor of locating the laboratory in Washington.
Secretary Daniels will be host to members of the consulting board on a trip down the Potomac on the naval yacht Dolphin tomorrow evening. The party will view naval target practice off the Virginia capes. paragraph designating Washington

TO URGE ALEXANDRIA AS ARMOR PLANT SITE

Besides Congressman Carlin, other members of the Alexandria committee will present arguments for location of the plant across the Potomac river below Washington, where it will be under direct control of the Navy Department and easy of access for ordnance officials who will have charge of the Government's new manufacturing venture. Alexandria boosters are prepared to set forth arguments that their city meets all the Government requirements of facilities for manufacture and safety from attack. A brief will be filed on behalf of Alexandria,

Thomas Grant, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is receiving scores of letters from business and professional men of Washington congratulating the Chamber on its efforts to obtain the Federal armor plate plant for the District.

Many of the writers, according to Mr. Grant, have piedged support to the campaign and promised to bring such influence as they may possess to have a site in the District selected for the factory.

President Moran and Secretary, Grant

President Moran and Secretary. Grant age making a special canvas of merchants with a view to having all mercantile establishments of the city cooperate with the Chamber.

Simple Rites for President's Sister

Body of Mrs. Howe Buried Beside That of Husband at Co-

lumbia, S. C.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 18.-With simple ceremony the funeral of Mrs. Annie Howe, only sister of President Wilson, was held at noon today.

In deference to the President's wishes no official cognizance was taken of the occasion. Nevertheless, long lines of occasion. Nevertheless, long lines of people thronged the streets as the funeral party made its way from the station to the First Presbyterian Church, and hundreds stood about the edifice with heads uncovered. A brief service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. A. W. Blackwood. assisted by the Rev. Thornton Whaling, president of Columbia Seminary.

Interment was made in the family plot at center of the church yard. The committal service, brief and simple, was private. Mrs. Howe rests besides the body of her husband. Dr. George Howe, known here as "The Beloved Physician of Columbia."

En route to the church several hun-

of Columbia."

En route to the church several hundred automobiles fell into line behind those carrying the members of the President's party, making the funeral cortege almost an endless procession. Five thousand people lined the streets as they passed and as many more surrounded the church and graveyard. President Wilson will return at 6:15 to-night, going via Washington. He will spend fifteen minutes in the Capital, arriving at 8:50 tomorrow morning. He will reach Shadow Lawn about 2 o'cleck

Food Disorders in Vienna. Wellington P. O'Connor tous Supreme Court to

U. S. Steel 108 3-8; CHIEF WITNESS Figure Today 100 Points Higher

NEW YORK, Sept. 18,—Selling at 108%. new record price, United States Steel lay was up just \$100 a share abov the low record which the stock set dur-ing the panic of 1902. Today's quotation epresents an advance of \$70 from the price at which the stock sold February 1, 1915, just before the regular dividen

Steel advanced to 1084, and Maxwell Meters common joined the record makers, selling at \$24. Rock Island ad-vanced 14, to 19%, and Wabash was strong. Bethlehem Steel opened at 580. Sales for the first hour were 383,000

Chief of Division of Militia Affairs Passes Away at Home

Maj. Gen. Afbert L. Mills, chief of he division of militia affairs, died at his home, 1523 K street at noon today after an illness of less than twelve hours. Death was due to pneumonia. General Mills was chilled while mo toring yesterday afternoon, and was stricken during the night. His wife stricken during the night. His wife and his daughter, Mrs. Laurson, wife of Lifeut. E. L. Laurson, of the Eleventh Cavalry, were with him when he died. General Mills was only recently promoted to the grade of major general. He had been chief of the division of milita affairs and a member of the general staff since September, 1912. For two years previous he had been president of the Army War College. Overwork in connection with the mobilization of militia, it is thought, was a contributory cause in General Mills' sudden death.

Had Distinguished Record

graduation and served with that, He soon developed into an expert in several special branches of military work and was assigned to special details away from his regiment. He par-ticipated in the action against the Crow Indians at the Crow Indian

From the time of the last Indian out-break until the outbreak of the Span-ish war General Mills was mostly on staff or detail duty in the War Depart-ment or at West Point.

Adjutant General in Militia. He was appointed a captain and as-

sistant adjutant general of volunteers at the outbreak of the war with Spain and went to Cuba with the firs expedition. He participated in the battle of Las Guisamas, at the time of the landing of the troops, as adjutant general of the cavalry division in which the Rough Riders were included,

After this fight he was recommended by his brigade and division commanders for promotion. At the first of the bat-tle of San Juan he was of great assist-ance to the regimental and brigade of-ficers in encouraging troops to go to the front.

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He was sent by his brigade commander to the front during the battle, and there assisted in forming the troops for a charge. He charged part of the way with the troops, but was struck down with a bullet through the head which completely destroyed his sight for the time being. Despite his wound General Mills remained on the field, and by his words of encouragement and personal bravery urged the troops on.

NEW U. S. BATTLESHIP TO BE U-BOAT PROOF

Superdreadnaught California Built to Embody Lessons of War.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.-Lessons of the European war, especially those taught by submarine and torpedo attack, have been so well analyzed by United States naval constructors that the new oil and electric superdreadnaught California, which is to be built at the Mare Island Navy Yard, will be able to make port in spite of numerous and serious torpedo wounds, say navy

and serious torpedo wounds, say navy engineers.

The 1,022 bluejackets who will man the battleship under fifty-eight officers, however, probably will divide their admiration between this, her dozen 14-inch guns, and some of the many electrical devices, such as the electric potato peeler in the galley, the electric-driven ice-cream freezer, or the electric-di dishwashing machine, with a capacity of 1,600 dishes per hour.

W. P. O'Connor Demands \$15,000 for False Arrest

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Food disorders recover \$15,000 damages from Frank L. have broken out in Vienna, said a Geneva dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today.

Beef is selling at 34 a pound and rice at \$2 a pound. There is terrible distress among families of workingmen, the dispatch added.

The cover \$15,000 damages from Frank L. Averill and John E. Bowers.

The plaintiff alleges the defendants were responsible for his false arrest was held in a police station for five hours unlawfully. The petition was filed by Attorney G. A. Berry.

Philadelphia Woman Victim Spirited Away by Members of Swindler Gang.

OPERATIONS WIDESPREAD

Clubs Favorite Hunting Grounds for Band.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.-Kidnaping a Sovernment witness will be the prin-ipal charge against the members of "Blackmail Trust" captured here by Government sleuths in a spectacular raid, and who are alleged to have cleaned up more than a quarter of a million dollars from wealthy men and vomen in New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Chicago, and other cities. The tango parlors, hotels, and clubs of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Atlantic City, and other large cities are said to

of the band.

The members under arrest will be arraigned tomorrow before the United States Commissioner, and then taken to Philadelphia for trial as the principal offerfase were committed there. They are: Helen Evers, wife of George Irwin, said to be director of the gang; Henry Russell, Edward Donahue, alias Doc Donahue; Mrs. Frances Allen, Mrs. Edward Donahue, Jimmy Christian, alias W. J. Cross, and George Bland.

Fifteen Known Victims. There are fifteen known victims of the swindling operation. Most of the victims paid high for their indiscretions. One man paid \$40,000 in cash. A woman paid \$35,000. Another paid \$10,600 The smallest amount was obtained from Mrs. Regina A. Klipper, of Philadelphia.

Congressman Carlin Arranges

Special Hearing.

The claims of Alexandria to the \$11,000,000 armor plate plant, authorized in the navy bill, will be heard by Secretary of the Navy Daniels at a special hearing Friday morning. At the same time Jersey City and probably a few other cities may be heard.

Congressman Carlin arranged the hearing for Alexandria when it was found the naval board had not sufficient time at its recent public hearing to give the Virginia city the audience its claims entitled it to.

Beside Distinguished Record.

General Mills had a distinguished gallantry in action near Santiago, Cuba. July 1, 1598, in encouraging those in the record in the army. He was awarded the Congressional medal of honor July 28, 1802, "for distinguished gallantry in action near Santiago, Cuba. July 1, 1598, in encouraging those in was to appear as a witness against one of their number who had been previously arrested in an Eastern city.

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there to prevent members of the gang reaching her.

Rusiness Man Spared. A husiness man of New York whose name is withheld, it is said was allured by a chorus girl who was a member of by a chorus girl who was a member of the blackmailing gang. The business men lavished money on her. Finally, at her suggestion, he took a trip with her to Boston. Armed with a fictitious Federal warrant, several of the band descended upon the business man in a Boston hotel. He was placed under "arrest" for violation of the Mann act. The arresting officer appeared to be a bona fide agent of the Government.

A member of the gang volunteered to forget all about the affair for \$50,000. The

(Continued on Third Page.) Suffragists Want

mony of the Episcopal Church Would Eliminate "Obey."

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.-Claiming that the wedding ring is a symbolic relic of the servitude of woman, Miss Emma L Richards, suffrage leader, wants the woman to give the man a ring, when the new marriage service of the Episcopal Church is completed.

Proposed elimination of the word

"obey" from the Episcopal marriage service is particularly gratifying to the suffragists, and they are thoroughly in accord with the new situal with the ex-ception of the single ring.

STOCKMEN OF WEST TRYING DIRECT SALES

MODESTO, Cal., Sept. 18 .- A new feature of the Stanislaus live stock show and exposition here today is a "live stock sales day," when the County

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Farmers' Union conducts a co-operative
sale of choice butcher stock and the
county's swinebreeders organization will
sell choice thoroughbred hogs.
All stock will be auctioned and progressive breeders anxious to improve
their cattle or swineherds will vie in the
bidding with representatives of the city
butchering and packing establishments,
who will thus save commissions usually
paid buyers.

Killed Man Who Insisted **Upon His Drinking**

BUFFALO, Wyo., Sept. 18.—William Hayes, a sheepherder, is in the county jail because his prejudice against intoxicants was so strong he shot Lester Dillabough, a camp tender, through the heart when the latter attempted to force him to take a drink of whisky.

According to Hayes' story, Dillabough became intoxicated and demanded that he join him in the disposal of a bottle of whisky. Hayes refused, saying he did not drink, Dillabough demanded that he drink, threatening to beat him up unless he did so. Fe.

In Armored Planes; British Armored Cars Rout Germans

NORTH OF SOMME

Tango Parlors, Hotels, and Twenty Protected Aeros, Each Carrying Three Guns, Demoralize Germans.

SETS PRECEDENT FOR WAR

New Plan Expected to Play Im portant Part in Future Oper ations at Front.

PARIS, Sept. 18 .- For the first time in he history of the world, the French sed an aeroplane squadron to lead the uccessful attack on the village of Bouchavesnes, north of the Somme, was learned today.

Twenty fast armored aeroplanes, each ounting three machine guns, one pointmounting three machine guns, one pointing forward and two downward, charged the German lines before the French infantry left their trenches.

Flying high above this charging air column were French aviation officers who directed the attack several hundred feet below in much the same manner that an officer directs an infantry charge from a sheltered dug-out.

The French filers swooped low over the German lines as the artillery fire lifted and raked the German trenches with a murderous fire. Prisoners re-

with a murderous fire. Prisoners re-port that this form of attack had a remarkable effect upon the Germans who had survived the artillerying and were awaiting in their half-ruined trenches the coming storms of French

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It sent them flying in panic down communicating trenches and in some instances caused machine-gan craws to desert their posts.

As the French infantry came on with a rush, the air chargers drove forward to the second phase of their work. They flew along the roads, turning their machine guns on German reserves being brought into action along the roads leading to Bouchavesnes.

This new use of aeropianes proved so successful that it is expected to play a most important part in future operations of the war. British filers, apparently, used the same method successfully in the British advance against the Germans Friday.

LAPINHIS CAMPAIGN Chihuahua Row

Leaves New York With His Wife for Energetic Tour in Seven States.

By PERRY ARNOLD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.-Invigorated Man to Wear Ring by a five days' rest. Charles E. Hughes left New York at 8 a. m. today on his second campaign tour, and from now on will be on the road Urge Change in Marriage Cere- almost constantly until election day, November 7.

Mrs. Hughes found at the last moment that she could arrange her affairs so as to accompany her husband, and was with the candidate when their train pulled out for what will be one of the most energetic campaigns ever attempted by a Presidential candidate.

dential candidate.

Hughes will spread his doctrine of Republicanism in Illinois, Wisconsin. Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York before he returns here September 23. The schedule calls for an average of fifteen speeches a day.

The Hughes party left in the car "National," attached to a special train. The entire train was made up of five cars, to care for the party of thirty-five, including secretaries and newspaper men. newspaper men.

During his trip the nominee will attend three State fairs and will wind up his trip at the informal State Republican convention at Saratoga. N. Y., September 28.

Pennsy to Go to Detroit; Will Spend \$10,000,000

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18. - The Pensylvania railroad wil spend \$10,000,-000 to extend its lines into Detroit, it was announced by Samuel Rea, president of the system, today.

A direct connection with the city has been under consideration for some time. "but the recent unprecedented industrial development there has been such as to make this extension of the Pennsylvania railroad service necessary," he said. "Passenger service will be afforded by the present terminals of the Wabesh and Pere Marquette railroads."

New Schedule in Effect On Florida Ave. Car Line

The new schedule on the Florida ave nue line of the Capital Traction Company went into effect today. Cars leavrefused, saying he did not drink. Ing the Navy land Florida avenue, inDillabough demanded that he drink, seventh street and Florida avenue, inthreatening to beat him up unless stead of preceding to the wharves. The
he did so. Fearing for his life, Hayes change means an increased headway of flyers was forced to land in Holland,
says, he fired.

How a British Officer Sees "Devil Cars"

French Swoop Down on Foe

They knock down trees like matchsticks; they go clean through a wood." They cut up houses and put the

refuse under their bellies and walk right over 'em." They take ditches like kangaroos; they simply love shell cra-

ters-laugh at 'em." They are like the ichthyosaurus, the prehistoric monster."

Four Thousand Defacto Troops on Way to Chihuahua City to Pursue Banidts.

EL PASO, Sept. 16.-Northern Mexico was excited again today, as reports of Villa's attack upon Chihuahua City | houses, and into the flercest gunffre early Saturday spread throughout the unscathed, are on every lip. country.

Monterey are being rushed to Chihuahua City and other points, while style," was the way they have been detwo columns of cavalry are pursuing the fleeing bandits toward Santa Clara canyon, according to reports given out by General Gonzales, Carranza comnander at Juares.

In Juarez troops are patrolling every street in order to prevent an outbreak of pro-Villa feeling. Three Carranza officers, who

serted when the bandit attack on Chi hushus commenced and rode north to catch a train, arrived in El Paso carly today. According to their story, the villistas attacked the town in two columns, one merching straight to the penitentiary without a shot being fired at them, the other column driving the Carrangista soldiers before them to the palace.

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When it was seen that the penitentiary was doomed to fall, Carrangista officers ran through the corridors, shooting political prisoners, firing on them through the bars. About twenty were killed in this manner. Then the doors were broken down by the Villistas, who rushed in and rescued General Salazar. General Trevino, Carrangista commander, was shot by one of his own men, these officers declare, and about one third of the garrison mutined, and men, these officers declare, and about one third of the garrison mutined, and went over to the bandit leader. The Villistas lost about 200 men, ac-cording to best estimates while the Car-

Officials Here Believe Mexican ' National Highball Concoction Was Responsible.

Vino and not Villa was responsible for the Chihuahua City fighting, re-ported to have ended early Saturday morning with General Trevino tri-umphant, according to belief expressed by army officers and State Department officials today. Vino is Mexico's national cocktail concection.

tional cocktail concoction.

Reports of yesterday and today from Mexican civilian sources are that 1,000 Villistas attacked Chihushua City during celebration of independence day and were driven out after 600 had been killed. Army officers and officials at the State Department today insisted they have heard no word of a confirmatory character regarding the "battle." They supplement this statement by declaring that if an engagement of anywhere near the magnitude of that related had really occurred they certainly would have had reports of it through official American channels. These officials emphasize the fact that even official Mexican reports are lacking, although the battle is said to have taken place three days ago. ago.

The Mexican embassy said it had no word of the battle.

FOUR KILLED AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

Victims of Grade Crossing Accident at Girard.

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 18 .- Four persons were killed at the grade crossing of the tracks of the New York Central railroad north of Girard depot today, when

road north of Girard depot today, when the fast mail train No. 36, westbound, struck the automobile of Mrs. Percy Sieger, of Pittaburgh.

Those killed were:

MRS. PERCY SIEGER, Pittaburgh, wife of one of the members of the firm of Sieger Bros.

MRS. K. SHIPMAN, Pittsburgh, believed to be the daughter of Mrs. Sieger.

MISS MAUDE E. R. SHIPMAN, thirteen, daughter of Mrs. K. Shipman.

NEGRO CHAUFFEUR, name unknown.

British Navy Fliers Shell German Aerodrome

LONDON, Sept. 18 .- British naval aeroplanes successfully bombarded the ing the Navy Yard circled the loop at German aerodrome at St. Denis-West-

SUCCESS OF NEW WAR MONSTERS

Stories of Exploits of Great Fighting Machines on Every *Tongue in London.

CARS CRUSH DOWN HOUSES

Eve-Witnesses Describe Them as More Like Prehistoric Animals Than Mechanism.

LONDON, Sept. 18 .- There is but on topic of conversation in London -to day-the exploits of the new British 'devil-cars.'

Stories of the huge, metal monstersore like some fearful prehistoric beast than man's handlwork-which eat their way through trenches, over There were reports of the new ma-

armored motor machine guns of a nev scribed in official bulletins
But this picture is dimmed to insignificance beside that drawn by soldiers
and correspondents—unmuzzled at last—
who have seen the dread machines in actual operations on the Somm

front.

"Like the ichthyosaurus, the prehistoric monster," one British officer at the front called them.

"They knock down trees like match sticks," he said, "they go clean through a woed. They cut up houses and out the refuse under their belies and walk right over 'em. They take ditches like kangaroos; they simply love shell craters—laugh at 'em.

Proof Against Bullets. "They are proof against rife bullets, bombs, and shell splinters; they just shrug their shoulders and pass on. Nothing but a direct hit from a big shell could hurt them." When stories were first breathed around about the new monsters—tank cars are their official name—the only (Continued on Second Page.)

Blamed on Vino Eldest Son of British Prime Minister One of Victims of Somme Drive.

> LONDON, Sept. 18.-Raymond As quith, son of the British prime minster, has been killed, it was announced

> He was the eldest son of the prime minister and a lieutenant in the Grena dier Guards. The official announcemen said that he was killed Friday.

Premier Herbert Asquith has five sons. Three of them have seen service since the beginning of the war and Arthur was wounded at the Dardanelles. Raymond Asquith was recently in France and it is more than probable that he was killed in the great battle on the Somme front Friday when the British resumed the offensive.

Bremen Now Due Almost Any Hour

All New London on the Lookout for Expected Sub-

marine.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 18 .- New London was excited today-both again and yet-expecting the German merchant submarine Bremen to arrive at any time. The tug T. A. Scott, jr., hired by the Eastern Forwarding Company, put out last night when reports were received of a submersible being off Block Island. This, it is understood, was one of the American submarines maneuvering in these waters, but employes of the tug company said they believed the Bremen was likely to appear at any time. No allied warships are reported off New

London.

When the soggy, chill fog lifted from the Thames early today it failed to reveal the Bremen out beyond Eastern point, as was expected. At 2 a, m, a vessel humming like a submarine was heard headed toward the sound beyond the point. Reporters thought they sighted a tug with her, but the humming ceased, all lights were extinguished, and the fog was so thick the craft could not be picked up again.

Capture of Fresh Trenches Follows Fall of Mouguet Farm.

COUNTER-ATTACKS BEATEN

Kaiser's Troops Make Desperate Effort to Regain Ground, But Are Checked.

BERLIN, Sept. 18 .- German cops have abandoned Berny, Deniecourt, and positions between Barleux and Vermandoviller to the French, it was officially announced this afternoon.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—British troops began closing in upon Thiepval last night, after capturing Mouquet farm, and took several German trenches south of the village, General Haig reported this afternoon.

West of the Mouquet farm, the Germans, resisting desperately the advance of the British pincers, entered a British trench by a heavy counter-attack, but were later driven out.

The Thiepval village position, which has held up the progress of the British left wing since the Somme offensive began, July 1; was made most precarious for the Germans by the loss of the wellfortified Mouquet farm yesterday.

North of Martinpuich, Haig's men improved their position last night, and east of Courcelette a minor attack on enemy trenches was suc-

VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT.

of the British line with great violence last night, as if in preparation for a

Forty thousand Germans have been killed, wounded or captured since the Anglo-French allies resumed the offensive on the Somme with battering blows that bent back the Teuton lines. The fighting continued last night both

north and south of the river with the greatest fury. The Germans were still clinging desperately to the village of Denicourt, under heavy French attack. and making counter attacks against Berny and Vermandovillers, lost to the

French yesterday afternoon. North of the river British artillery checked one German counter attack after another with storms of shrapnel. and at the same time opened a bombardment of Grandcourt and Le Sara. on the two highways leading to Bap-

Great Effect in Berlin.

The allied successes have had a most profound effect in Berlin, according to Hague dispatches today. The Germans had been led to believe that the Somme drive had been halted by the inability of the British to capture the Flera-Courcellete line and to break through the German defenses around Thiepval. The German papers are now preparing the public for the early evacuation of both Peronne and Combles, and pointing

may become necessary for strategic reasons.

The French shifted their attack south of the Somme yesterday to warn the Germans not to withdraw troops from that sector to re-enforce the battered lines north of the river. The assault was completely successful and deepened the wedge in the German line between Peronne and Combles.

out that a retirement on a wide front

FRENCH SURROUND DENIECOURT VILLAGE

Savage German Counter Attacks Are All Repulsed.

PARIS, Sept. 18.-French troops completely surrounded the village of Denlecourt, south of the Somme, in neavy fighting last night, it was offi-

fially announced today. The Germans counter-attacked savagely on the whole front south of the Somme, where the French scored important gains yesterday.

Three particularly violent attacks were made east of the village of Berny and south of Deniecourt, where the French repulsed the onslaughts and then made further progress, completing the encircling movement.

Twelve hundred prisoners and ten mitrailleuses were taken.

According to prisoners of the Tenth Ersatz division, the German losses in fighting south of the Somme yesterday were enormous. Two divisions of the Thirty-eighth battalion were almost annihilated by the French artillery fire that preceded the capture of Berny and Vermandovillers.

North of the Somme the French carried a German trench east of Clery the French repulsed the onslaughts the fog was so thick the craft-could not be picked up again.

Soon after 7 this morning three tugs signaled out from beyond the edge of the lifting mists. One had a tow. The submarine hunters thought they were surely a triple convoy for the Bremen, but it developed that one had nothing more than a string of barges and the others were without tow.

The Scott Company tug, which spent last night nervously watching for the Bremen, was one of the three.

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